(b) whether Government are also aware that more than 50,000 Indian students are reportedly involved in such rackets, and have spent huge money without getting admission or even knowing quality/value of degree of such universities; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to issue any guidelines for benefits of the Indian students, by providing all details about foreign Universities, Country-wise and course-wise indicating their recognition by their parent country as well as by India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise. However, a Committee of experts has been constituted to examine all the relevant issues pertaining to the entry of foreign universities in India.

Conversion of Rajasthan University into a Central University

†679. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Rajasthan has submitted a proposal to the Central Government to upgrade Rajasthan University, Jaipur as a Central University;

(b) when this proposal was sent to the Central Government; and

(c) the decision taken by Government to upgrade the Rajasthan University, Jaipur?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) to (b) Yes, Sir. A request was received from the Chief Minister of Rajasthan in January, 2004.

(c) In consonance with the provisions of the National Policy of Education, 1986, as modified in 1992 the Central Government has given priority to strengthening the existing Central Universities and therefore, the request could not be acceded to.

Improvement in education

680. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether with the imposition of 2 per cent Education Cess (surcharge)

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.